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Public Open House Draft Harvestable Species Plan and Environmental Assessment

**March 18, 2014
4:00-6:00 pm**

**Park Headquarters
415 Washington Ave.
Bayfield, WI**

A Draft Harvestable Species Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) has been developed for Apostle Islands National Lakeshore by an interagency planning team, including state and tribal representatives. This plan updates the Wildlife Management Plan for Harvestable Species for Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (2007). The purpose of the plan is to provide direction for managing harvestable species within Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. Harvestable species includes wildlife that can be legally hunted and trapped, as well as plant species that can be legally gathered by the general public or tribal members as part of their treaty reserved rights.

While hunting and trapping are not allowed in many parts of the National Park System, the legislation that created the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore permits hunting, fishing, and trapping in accordance with appropriate laws of Wisconsin and the United States. The Draft Harvestable Species Plan includes strategies that provide for the continuation of unique primitive harvest opportunities, while ensuring the long-term health of native plant and animal communities.

There will be a Public Open House at Park Headquarters in Bayfield on March 18, 2014. Park Headquarters is located at: 415 Washington Ave., Bayfield, Wisconsin. A brief presentation will be given at 5:00 pm. Background information will be provided and Park staff will be available to provide information and answer questions.

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The public review period for the plan is February 25 through March 28, 2014. The draft plan and background material can be found online at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/apis>. Submit your comments online at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/apis>

Or mail to: Chief, Planning and Resource Management, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, 415 Washington Ave., Bayfield, Wisconsin 54814.

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